AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract on page 38 with the following amended paragraph:

An image processing system <u>and method wherein image data is compressed</u> <u>and written to memory.</u> ~~includes a memory for storing image data of a plurality of~~ ~~pages, a compressor for compressing input image data, and writing means for~~ ~~writing a set of image data of a plurality of pages compressed by the compressor~~ ~~into the memory in sequence~~. The system ~~further~~ includes a first controller, a second controller, a first detector, a third controller and a second detector. The first controller <u>sequentially</u> executes a reading <u>and an image processing</u> of ~~the set~~ ~~of stored~~ image data from [[the]] memory ~~and an image processing thereof in~~ ~~sequence~~. The second controller <u>sequentially</u> executes a re-reading <u>and an image</u> <u>processing</u> of the ~~set of stored~~ image data from [[the]] memory ~~and an image~~ ~~processing thereof in sequence~~. The first detector detects insufficiency of empty capacity of the memory based on a ~~capacity~~ <u>size</u> of image data of one page compressed at a predetermined compression rate. <u>If insufficient memory for new</u> <u>image data is detected,</u> [[The]] <u>the</u> third controller ~~continues the image processing~~ ~~by the first controller by writing~~ <u>writes</u> new image data ~~by the writing means~~ after a termination of the image processing of the image data of at least one page <u>previously stored.</u> ~~stored previously by the first controller, in the event that~~ ~~insufficiency of empty capacity of the memory is detected by the first detector~~ ~~during the writing of image data into the memory by the writing means~~. The second detector detects ~~an occurrence of an~~ overwriting <u>by the third controller</u> of the new image data on the stored image data ~~at the time of writing the new image~~ ~~data by the third controller~~.